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SUBJECT: CALL ON CALLAGHAN

REF: LONDON 5372

FOR AMBASSADOR

1. FIRST ITEM YOU WILL WANT TO SEE IN PREPARATION FOR
YOUR CALL ON CALLAGHAN WILL BE THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS
TO THE CONGRESS, TEXT OF WHICH WILL BE IN EUR WIRELESS
FILE A.M. APRIL 11.

2. QUICK CHECK HAS REVEALED NO ADDITIONAL TOPICS WHICH
NECESSARILY NEED BE RAISED ON OUR SIDE AT THIS POINT.

YOU MAY WISH TO TELL CALLAGHAN WE WELCOME AND APPRECIATE
OPPORTUNITY MAITLAND'S PROSPECTIVE VISIT NEXT
WEEK WILL GIVE US TO CONSULT ON COMMODITIES AND SPECIAL

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SESSION.

3. ON NAC SUMMIT, YOU MIGHT WANT TO TELL CALLAGHAN THAT, AS WE SURE HE KNOWS, IT LOOKS AS IF THINGS ARE COMING ALONG FAIRLY WELL. AMB. BRUCE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE UK INITIATIVE. UK PERMREP PECK'S APRIL 9 NAC STATEMENT ON WHAT ISSUES SUMMIT COULD ADDRESS BEYOND CSCE WAS VERY USEFUL, AND ANYTHING ELSE THE UK COULD DO

ALONG THESE LINES, I.E. GIVING THE SUMMIT A FOCUS APART FROM CSCE, SHOULD BE HELPFUL IN LINING UP SUPPORT. (FYI: FOR LATEST BACKGROUND, SEE STATE 81406-EXDIS- AND STATE 81482-EXDIS).

4. ON CYPRUS, YOU MAY TELL CALLAGHAN THAT IF RPT IF TURKISH GOV'T IS SUCCESSFUL IN GETTING VOTE OF CONFIDENCE ON SATURDAY, ART HARTMAN WILL GO TO ANKARA SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO TAKE FURTHER SOUNDINGS ON TURKISH POSITION WITH A VIEW TO DEVELOPING THE SUBSTANTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS.

5. ON THE MIDDLE EAST, YOU SHOULD CALL THE FOREIGN SECRETARY'S ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE PRESIDENT IN HIS SPEECH TO CONGRESS HAS STRONGLY REAFFIRMED HIS DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE AN ACTIVE U.S. ROLE TO HELP BRING ABOUT PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. YOU MAY SAY THAT IT IS HIS STRONG INTENTION TO MAINTAIN THE POSITION THAT U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST WILL NOT PERMIT THE U.S. TO STAND ASIDE FROM THE AFFAIRS OF THAT AREA. YOU MAY INFORM CALLAGHAN THAT THE USG IS STILL IN THE PROCESS OF MAKING AN OVERALL REASSESSMENT OF ITS POLICY TOWARD THIS AREA AND THAT IS WHY THE PRESIDENT IN HIS SPEECH CAREFULLY LEFT ALL OPTIONS OPEN IN REGARD TO HOW THE PEACE EFFORTS SHOULD NOW PROCEED. OUR FOUR AMBASSADORS FROM ISRAEL, EGYPT, JORDAN, AND SYRIA ARE STILL IN WASHINGTON TAKING PART IN THIS REASSESSMENT AND WILL SEE PRESIDENT FORD BEFORE THEY RETURN TO THEIR POSTS. AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE REASSESSMENT PROCESS IS TO USE THE COMING DAYS BROADENING DISCUSSION OF BASIC ISSUES TO INCLUDE KEY MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS SO THAT, WHEN THE PRESIDENT IS PREPARED TO REACH A DECISION, THERE WILL
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BE A STRONG DOMESTIC BASE FOR OUR NEXT EFFORTS.

6. ON SPAIN, YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO MENTION PROBLEM DISCUSSED IN APRIL 9 NAC BRIEFING, (STATE 080158), BUT TO ELICIT ANY VIEWS CALLAGHAN MAY HAVE ON THE ISSUE OF SPAIN'S RELATIONSHIP TO NATO.

7. FYI: WE UNDERSTAND THAT BRITISH EMBASSY IS UNDER

INSTRUCTION TO MAKE KNOWN AT HIGHEST LEVEL IN DEPT.

CALLAGHAN'S APPARENT "PERSONA" INTEREST IN THE COUNTER-
VAILING DUTY PROBLEM ON EC CHEESE. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY
THUS MAY PERHAPS TAKE THE OCCASSION OF YOUR CALLING
ON HIM TO MENTION THIS ISSUE.

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